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**CHAPTER 7.**

AN ACT to amend 108.02 (15); and to create 108.061 of the statutes, constituting recommendations made to the 1953 legislature pursuant to 108.14 (5m) by the statutory advisory committee, relating to unemployment compensation for veterans, and affecting the unemployment reserve fund.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. 108.02 (15) of the statutes is amended to read:

108.02 (15) An employe's "weekly benefit rate" from a given employer means the amount determined in accordance with \* \* \* s. 108.05 or 108.061.

SECTION 2. 108.061 of the statutes is created to read:

108.061 BENEFIT ADJUSTMENTS FOR CERTAIN VETERANS. (1) The commission may take any administrative action it deems necessary or desirable to cooperate fully under title IV, unemployment compensation for veterans (of service on or after June 27, 1950), of the federal veterans' readjustment assistance act of 1952 (P. L. 550; 66 Stat. 663), including any amendment of said title IV.

(2) As to any veteran qualified under said title IV, who qualifies for benefits under this chapter, if his benefit determination hereunder would, but for this section, specify a weekly benefit rate of less than \$26 (or less than such higher weekly amount as may then apply under said title IV), his benefit rights under said determination shall be adjusted as follows:

(a) His maximum benefit credits, as they would be determined under s. 108.06 (2) (b) without applying this section, shall, if not an exact multiple of one-half of \$26 (or of one-half of such higher weekly amount as may then apply under said title IV), be adjusted to the next higher such multiple; and

(b) His weekly benefit rate shall be \$26, or such higher weekly amount as may then apply under said title IV.

(3) As to any such qualified veteran, whose weekly benefit rate is less than \$26 (or less than such higher weekly amount as may then apply under said title IV) under a benefit determination applicable when this section (or any higher weekly amount which may later apply under said title IV) takes effect, his benefit credits then remaining under said determination shall, by a substitute determination, be similarly adjusted, as specified in sub. (2) (a), and a weekly benefit rate of \$26 (or such higher weekly amount as may then apply under said title IV) shall apply to all further payments thereunder.

(4) Each such qualified veteran, whose weekly benefit rate under this chapter has been less than \$26, shall, as to each week (completed after October 18, 1952, and before this section takes effect) for which he claimed and duly received an unemployment benefit payment solely under this chapter (and not under said title IV), be paid by the commission from the fund's balancing account the difference between:

(a) The benefit payment he thus claimed and duly received for such week; and

(b) The benefit payment he would have received for such week if his then applicable weekly benefit rate had been \$26.

SECTION 3. As used in ch. 108 the phrase "52 weeks" shall mean 52 consecutive weeks, for the purposes of any benefit determination issued under said chapter after the effective date of this act.

SECTION 4. This bill, upon passage by both houses of the legislature, shall be transmitted to the governor in typewritten form, and the governor is hereby authorized to sign this bill in that form prior to the publication of the enrolled bill. Thereafter the usual number of copies of the enrolled bill shall be printed in act form.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved March 18, 1953.

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